A Lesson from the Angel

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A quiet evening at home, Mansoor sits beside Baba, looking thoughtful.

Mansoor: Baba, today in Madrasa, my teacher told us about a special visitor who came to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. But I didn't understand everything. Can you tell me more?

Baba: Of course, my dear. This was a very important event. One day, while the Prophet ﷺ was sitting with his companions, Angel Jibreel (Gabriel, علیہ السلام) came to him in the form of a man and asked some important questions.

Mansoor: What did he ask, Baba?

Baba: He asked about faith, Islam, and something called Ihsan. The Prophet ﷺ explained that faith means believing in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, the Day of Judgment, and that everything happens by Allah's will.

Mansoor: Oh! So faith is about believing in Allah and everything He has told us?

Baba: Yes, my son. Then Jibreel (علیہ السلام) asked, "What is Islam?" The Prophet ﷺ said that Islam is worshiping only Allah, praying five times a day, giving charity, fasting in Ramadan, and performing Hajj if one can afford it.

Mansoor: So, being a good Muslim means doing all these things?

Baba: Exactly! Then Jibreel (علیہ السلام) asked about Ihsan. The Prophet ﷺ said it means worshiping Allah as if you see Him. Even if we can't see Him, we must always remember that He is watching us.

Mansoor: That means we should always do good because Allah sees everything?

Baba: Yes! Finally, Jibreel (علیہ السلام) asked when the Day of Judgment would come. The Prophet ﷺ said that only Allah knows that. But he mentioned some signs, like when people compete to build the tallest buildings and when children stop respecting their elders.

Mansoor: That sounds serious, Baba. But why did Jibreel (علیہ السلام) ask these questions if he already knew the answers?

Baba: Good question, my son. He asked them so that everyone listening could learn. After Jibreel (علیہ السلام) left, the Prophet ﷺ told his companions, "That was Jibreel. He came to teach you your religion."

Mansoor: That means learning about our faith is very important!

Baba: Yes, my dear. And now you have learned an important lesson too. Always believe in Allah, practice Islam, and remember that He is watching you.

Mansoor: Thank you, Baba! I will try my best to be a good Muslim.

Baba: That's my boy! May Allah always guide you on the right path.